

## G7 Workshop on Marine Litter

“Mainstreaming the work of the Regional Sea Programmes towards the better implementation of the G7 Action Plan and the achievement of the global commitments on marine litter”  
(Rome, Italy – 20-21 April 2017)

### *Provisional Programme*

#### **DAY 1 (Thursday, 20 April 2017)**

**09:00-09:30** **Welcoming Remarks:** HE Mr. Gian Luca Galletti, Minister for the Environment, Land and Sea

**09:30-11:00** **Session 1: “Overview of the Regional Dimension of the Implementation of the G7 Action Plan on Marine Litter”**

Chair/Moderator: Mr. Gaetano Leone, Coordinator, UN Environment/Mediterranean Action Plan

State of Play of the Regional Sea Activities on Marine Litter and their contribution to the implementation of the G7 Action Plan on Marine Litter:

- i. Key-note speaker on behalf of Regional Seas;
- ii. Interventions by individual G7 Countries;
- iii. Intervention by RFMOs and other partners.

Discussion

Expected Outcome: To provide an overview of regional responses to marine litter and priority actions directly relevant to the objectives and priorities of the G7 Action Plan on Marine Litter, achievements and gaps.

**11:00-11:30** ***Coffee break***

**11:30-13:00** **Session 1: (continued)**

**13:00-14:00** ***Lunch Break***

**14:00-16:00** **Session 2: “Global, regional and national best practices and strategies on Marine Litter to implement of the G7 Action Plan on Marine Litter”**

Chair/Moderator: TBC

Sharing of best practices on marine litter responses, in particular related to:

- Prevention initiatives (e.g. Sustainable Consumption and Production and single-use plastics);
- Fisheries related actions, such as Fishing for Litter, ghost nets, etc.;
- Data generation and reporting; and
- Beach Litter Reduction.

Presentations/interventions per theme by:

- i. Regional Seas;

- ii. Global and Regional Initiatives and Actors;
- iii. G7 Countries.

#### Discussion

Expected outcome: Demonstrate that there is a considerable number of Best Practices on Marine Litter around the world and that there is a very good potential for their standardization and replication across the Regional Seas to deliver the priorities of the G7 Action Plan on Marine Litter. Moreover, identify which area of the G7 Action Plan needs strategic development and action.

<b>16:00-16:30</b>	<b><i>Coffee break</i></b>
<b>16:30-18:00</b>	<b><u>Session 2: (continued)</u></b>
<b>18:00-19:00</b>	<b>Closed session for G7 countries on draft Bologna Communiqué</b>
<b>20:00-22:00</b>	<b><i>Official dinner</i></b>

#### **DAY 2 (Friday, 21 April 2017)**

<b>09:00-11:00</b>	<b><u>Session 3: “The way forward”</u></b>
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**Opening Remarks:** Ms. Silvia Velo, Undersecretary of State of the Italian Minister of the Environment, Land and Sea Protection

Co-Chairs/Co-Moderators: Mr. Oliviero Montanaro, IMELS-PNM and Mr. Gaetano Leone, Coordinator, UN Environment/Mediterranean Action Plan

Discussion on the way forward in the implementation of the G7 Action Plan, on the basis of a short document summarizing the outcome of Sessions 1 and 2 of the Workshop with attention to:

- the role of Regional Seas;
- strengthening successful practices and addressing gaps;
- streamlining reporting on the implementation of responses to Marine Litter.

Expected Outcome: “Food for thought” for the consideration of the G7 countries.

<b>11:00-11:30</b>	<b><i>Coffee break</i></b>
<b>11:30-12:30</b>	<b><u>Session 3: (continued)</u></b>
<b>12:30-13.00</b>	<b><u>Closing remarks:</u> IMELS</b>